

**Joseph Chew to George Washington, March 4, 1756,
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FROM JOSEPH CHEW, ESQ. ¹

NEW LONDON March 4th. 1756

DEAR SIR

I find by the Papers that you Arrived in Boston the Fryday after we Parted, and I hope had an agreeable Journey Considering the Severity of the weather. the many agreeable objects you there met with I conclude prevented my having a Line from you by the Post, this you can Very Easily Settle by Spending one day at New London when you Return.

I Engaged a Good Boatman to Call on me this day when I Promised to let him know the time you would be here that you might meet with no disapointment in getting to Long Island as I could not inform him he has promised me not to Engage himself this week in which time hope to hear from you Your Riding mare as had a Pretty Large Swelling under her Belly occasioned I believe by the Buckling of the Girths two Tight and Capt Stewarts horses legg have been much Swell'd they are both got Very well, all your other horses are well and hearty —

My Compliments to Capt Stewart and Capt Mercer Accept the same yourself and be assured that I am with the greatest Esteem

DrSir Your most ObedtServt. JOS CHEW.

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I have this moment a Letter from our worthy friend B Robinson to Mrs. Robinson The agreeable Miss Polly and all his family are Very Well

Yrs J.C

¹ Joseph Chew was an emigrant from Virginia who settled in New London in 1750, and held positions of trust there. He was a son of Thomas Chew, of Virginia, and Martha (Taylor) Chew, a daughter of Colonel James Taylor, the progenitor of James Madison and Zachary Taylor. Silas Deane, writing to his wife in 1774, says, "We spent the day agreeably at Mr. Bayard's, with some of the delegates and a good old standby on festival occasions, Mr. J. Chew."